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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Hugh B. Thompson II

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 25 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5-12,14,17-21 and 23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 4-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

With respect to claims 14 and 16, line 3, there is no antecedent basis for "the security gate". Note numerous repeats of the phrase.

With respect to claims 4 and 16, lines 18-19 and 19-20, it is unclear with respect to what the drive arm is retracted. Were the applicant to properly address this ambiguity, the claims may be in condition for allowance.

Regarding claim 13, the word "means" is preceded by the word(s) "drive" in an attempt to use a "means" clause to recite a claim element as a means for performing a specified function. However, since no function is specified by the word(s) preceding "means," it is impossible to determine the equivalents of the element, as required by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph. See *Ex parte Klumb*, 159 USPQ 694 (Bd. App. 1967).

With respect to claim 23, there is no antecedent basis for "the drive means arm".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 13, 15, 22, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DeLillo #5,884,432. DeLillo, the operation of as recited in columns 3 and 4, discloses a security gate assembly comprised of a belt or gear driven (rotatable) drive mechanism/actuator located within housing 14 that also serves as a retractor for security gate drive arm 16, which is driven by the drive mechanism and is pivotally attached to security gate elements 18, 24, with gate element 24 serving as part of a breakaway mounting/release mechanism, as best seen in Figure 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 25 and 26 are allowed.

Claims 2, 5, 14, and 17, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, any intervening claims, and rewritten to overcome the Section 112 ambiguities as noted above. The primary reason for the allowance of claims 2 and 14, is the inclusion of a liner motion actuator directly connected to the drive arm. For claims 5, 17, and 25, the primary reason is the inclusion of the disconnect means/mechanism formed as part of the drive mechanism and responsive to the disconnect of the drive arm from the security gate, adapted to disable application of a driving force to the drive arm, allowing retraction of the drive arm by the drive arm retractor mechanism/means, and method to the same. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the claimed features absent the applicant's own disclosure.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Reintz et al #3,394,498, Cobb #4,364,200, Phillips #4,531,325, Barvinek et al #4,897,960, Richmond et al #4,970,826, Nasatka #5,288,164, Marcum #5,671,563, and Hopkins, Jr. #6,212,825 are cited to teach gate release mechanisms.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hugh B. Thompson II whose telephone number is (703) 305-0102. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Cuomo can be reached on (703) 308-0827. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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